

CHAPTER NO. 474

HOUSE BILL NO. 481

By Representative Ronnie Cole

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 703

By Senator Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-1-704, relative to payment of public taxes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-1-704(a), is amended by deleting the following language:

- (3) United States legal tender notes; and
- (4) Federal reserve notes.

and by substituting instead the following language:

- (3) United States legal tender notes;
- (4) Federal reserve notes; and

(5) In those counties having a population, according to the 1990 Federal Census or any subsequent such census, of not less than 34,850 nor more than 35,000, payment by credit card or debit card.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-1-704, is amended by adding the following as new subsections:

() Any trustee that properly collects state and county taxes by credit or debit card is hereby authorized to collect a fee for processing any payment by credit or debit card; provided, however, that the fee shall not exceed the amount that the card issuer charges the trustee in connection with honoring the credit or debit card payment.

() As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Credit card" has the same meaning as set forth in §39-14-102(2);

(2) "Debit card" has the same meaning as set forth in §39-14-102(3); and

(3) "Issuer" has the same meaning as set forth in §39-14-102(5).

() If a payment by credit or debit card is not honored by the issuer, the trustee may collect a service charge from the person who owes the public taxes. The service charge is in addition to the public taxes for which the credit or debit card was used and the original processing fee. The amount of the service

charge shall be the same amount as the fee charged by the trustee for the collection of a check drawn on an account with insufficient funds.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 27, 1999



JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17th day of June 1999



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